



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, February 13, 2017 - 6:00 PM Council Chambers, Manning, SC

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman AC English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: Bobby Baker - The Manning Times, Jim Hilley – The Item

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Joe Witt	Robert LeBrun	Jennifer Powell	Peggy LeBrun
Charlotte Johnston	Robert McFadden	Hannah Mikell	Lisa Justice	Linda Lemon
Jamie Welch	And other Clarendon County Residents			

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval of the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for February 13, 2017.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on January 9, 2017.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on January 17, 2017 with one correction.

III. Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Contract

Administrator Epperson presented Council with an Assistance and Support Contract between the City of Myrtle Beach and the Clarendon County Detention Center. He stated that this contract is standard and must be approved annually. Administrator Epperson further stated that this contract would also apply to the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office. He concluded by stating that since the law changed, an elected official, Sheriff Baxley, does not need Council's approval for this type of contract.

On Motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Contract between the City of Myrtle Beach and the Clarendon County Detention Center.

IV. Presentation – Mr. Donald Hardy

Mr. Hardy began his presentation by stating that the Youth Golf Program started in 2012 through the Clarendon County Recreation Department. He stated that this program is promoting golf in Clarendon County and they are the only Youth Golf Program in this area. Mr. Hardy stated that they started a strengthen and conditioning course and they are in the process of starting a nutrition Program.

Mr. Hardy continued his presentation by stating that there are two volunteer PGA Professionals on staff that are volunteering. He continued by stating that, with the help of Lebon Joye, they were able to send four students to the State Finals this year. Mr. Hardy concluded his presentation by stating that this program offers something other than baseball or soccer.

V. Requests

1. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request for approval of a Bulk Water Purchase and Sale Agreement between Clarendon County and the City of Manning. He stated that this agreement would allow Clarendon County to purchase water, from the City of Manning, at the rate of \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons on an emergency basis. He further stated that this agreement would also apply to The City of Manning if there were a need to purchase water from the County. Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that this agreement would be automatic renewed annually.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to a Bulk Water Purchase and Sale Agreement between Clarendon County and the City of Manning.

2. Ms. Vickie Williams, Grants Coordinator, presented Council with a Grant submission request. She stated that the Grant was submitted on February 3, 2017. Ms. Williams asked Council would they accept the award if the Grant is awarded. She continued by stating that this Grant is for a period of one year and it would be fully funded with no match. She further stated that this Grant would be for the Traffic Unit, which includes four vehicles and four officers.
 - Administrator Epperson stated that there would be no guarantee after one year and he recommends that Council do not accept the Grant at this time.
 - Vice Chairman Frierson asked if Council accepts the award, then after one year would the County have to add the 4 employees to the County's payroll.
 - Administrator Epperson responded by stating yes.
 - Administrator Epperson stated that we should take this as information only and add it to the agenda if the Grant is awarded.
 - Chairman Stewart stated that the County has a tight budget and we may not be able to add four employees after the Grant ends so we would accept this as information only.

Ms. Williams gave Council an update on the October 2015 Storm Disaster Recovery. She stated that \$96.5 million was awarded to the state of South Carolina for the October 2015 Storm and \$65.3 million for the October 2016 Hurricane for the Disaster Recovery Program. She concluded by stating that there were 129 applicants that applied for assistance from Clarendon County and 1500 homes statewide have been repaired.

VI. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,563,813 and Total Revenue of \$4,831,070 for the month ending January 31, 2017.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$439,536 and Operating Expenses of \$303,380 as of January 31, 2017. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, interest income, and Grant Revenue, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$132,544.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month of January 2017 was \$25,450, and total Expenses of \$155,225. He stated that after transfers from the General Fund, Hospitality Tax and Accommodations Fund in the amount of \$125,000, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of January with a deficit of \$4,775.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the C-Fund Program for the month of January 2017 had a Cash Balance of \$2,465,369 of which \$2,171,289 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$294,080 as of the end of January 2017.

VII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- Phase II – easement sketches are being completed, and right of way acquisition has begun.
- DSS - Administration Complex – facility design is going well. New addition has been ordered and construction is set to begin within the next few weeks once permits are issued.
- Hurricane Matthew – allowable costs have been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. The County is seeking reimbursement for around \$117,000.
- Wyboo Fire Station – we received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to place the new fire station on the 3.10-acre tract across from Lanes Shopping Center on Highway 260.
- Text 911 – is now available in the County for cell phone users who are serviced by AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, and T-Mobile.
- JC Britton Park – a new picnic shelter and new dugouts are in the process of being constructed.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the quarterly meeting of the Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments. He continued by stating that Council would be having a Retreat on February 17th and 18th at the Wampee Conference Center in Pinopolis, South Carolina. Chairman Stewart concluded his report by stating that the March 13 regular Council Meeting would be held in Turbeville at the District Office.

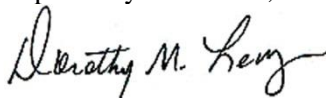
IX. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

